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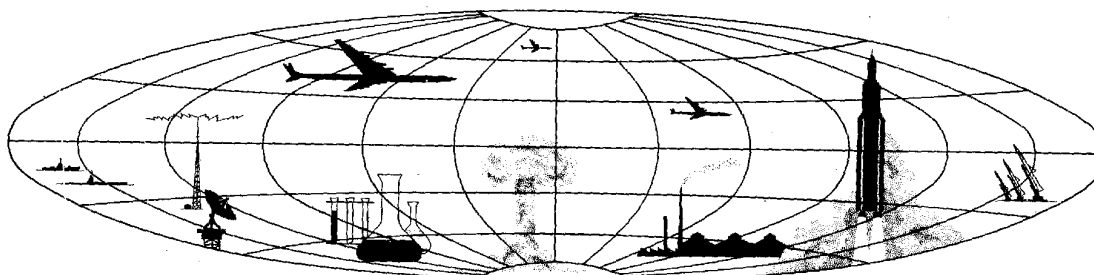


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Further analysis of GRC Mission 144, 28 March 1963, reveals that all significant components of the Shuang-cheng-tzu Missile Test Center (SCTMTC) located at 41-05N 100-15E and the large associated airfield can be observed and that no new major facilities can be identified, although obliquity and small scale preclude a detailed analysis. Of significance are indications of continued activity at the SCTMTC since

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Two features are visible that were not present in [] At Launch Complex A, heavy track activity is evident between the launch area and a point 3 to 4 nautical miles due west, or in a downrange direction from the complex. Extreme obliquity and small scale preclude determination of the nature of the scarring at the terminus. Also present is a large ground marker consisting of a cross and four corner ticks located in the approximate center of the large "L" instrumentation pattern. This "L" instrumentation pattern is associated with airfield activity.

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The rail spur, identified on [] which extends southeast from the support base and terminates just short of the sand dunes, has not been continued beyond the point where it ended in []. At the terminus are a turning wye, several sidings, two branches that curve back toward the support base, and several buildings. The northern curved branch was present in [] but the southern curved branch has been added since that time. Several strings of rail cars are visible along the spur, indicating continued activity of an undetermined nature.

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